

GEN. GRANT DECLINES

TO ACCEPT HIS PROPERTY AT THE HANDS OF VANDERBILT

The Old Hero Willing for the Sake of His Wife, but Mrs. Grant Firmly Refuses—Gen. Grant's Presents Likely to Be come an Heirloom of the Nation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt on Saturday bought in the real estate and presents of Gen. Grant under his judgment on the \$30,000 note and presented the property to Mrs. Grant in the following letter:

"NO. 640 FIFTH AVENUE, Jan. 10, 1885.

"MRS. LYNN, NEW YORK, DEAR MADAM:

"So many representations have been made in regard to the loan made by me to Gen. Grant, and reflecting unfairly upon him and myself, that it seems proper to briefly recite the facts."

"On the Sunday, the 4th of May last, Gen.

"Grant called at my house and asked me to lend him \$150,000 for one day. I gave him my check without question, not because the transaction was business-like, but, since the same request came from Gen. Grant."

"The misfortune, which overwhelmed him in the next twenty-four hours around the sympathy and regret of the whole country. You

"and he sent me within a few days of time

"one of your joint properties to be sold

"equitably and under the acceptance on the

"ground that this was the only debt of

"honor which the general had personally incurred, and that these debts

"in Europe had been incurred in his absence

"from the general's services to my

"attorney mortgages upon all his own real

"estate, household effects and swords, medals

"and works of art which were memorials of his

"visits, and presented from governments

"and other countries to the general in

"the course of his services, with the signatures

"of his friends and the history of his time.

"I enclose herewith assignments to you of

"the mortgages and judgments, bill of sale of

"personal property and deed of trust, in which

"the articles of historical interest are ennumerated."

"Now that I am at liberty to treat these

"things as my own, the disposition of the whole

"matter must be in accord with my feelings

"as to what is best for you. I have no

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